REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. No new matter has been introduced.

In the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, the Examiner stated that claims 1-15 and 22-23 are allowed. The Examiner rejected claims 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner suggested that deleting from the specification references to intangible embodiments of "computer readable recording medium" would overcome this rejection. Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16-21 are now in condition for allowance.

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In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16-21 are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds otherwise, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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